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NEBRASKA REVISES CAREER ED STANDARDS

Nebraska career education standards have been revised to better prepare students for their careers and to help students better meet the needs of employers.

The Nebraska Department of Education and Partnerships for Innovation in cooperation with business and industry as well as Nebraska postsecondary institutions revised the course standards for Career Technical Education (CTE) courses offered in the state's public schools.

The CTE course standards were also aligned with the Nebraska's academic standards in reading, writing, mathematics and science. The new career education course standards are available at <http://cestandards.education.ne.gov/>.

The model standards will help school districts organize curriculum into sequences for courses in each of the following career fields:

- Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
- Business, Marketing and Management
- Communication and Information Systems
- Health Sciences
- Human Sciences and Education
- Skilled and Technical Sciences

The revised standards also were aligned to courses offered in the state's two- and four-year colleges to create a more seamless education experience for students. Students begin with high school introductory courses that teach broad concepts and skills, progressing to college courses that offer more specific information and develop higher skill levels. Some Nebraska students will have an opportunity to earn college credits while in high school.

Career education courses provide an opportunity for students to gain the knowledge and skills they need for employment and entrepreneurship. The standards define what students should know and be able to do to enter college or their chosen career.

A map displaying the six career fields organized by 16 national career clusters is available at http://www.education.ne.gov/nce/careerclusters/2012NCEModelPoster8_5x11.pdf.

Other career education tools include the Nebraska Standards for Career Ready Practice at <http://www.education.ne.gov/nce/documents/2012CareerReadinessBookletWEB.pdf> as well as online learning Career Readiness Modules developed by the Nebraska Department of Labor, the Nebraska Department of Education's Career Education System and Adult Basic Education. The modules are free and available to all Nebraskans at (<http://nelearn.mylearning.org/course/view.php?id=2>). Instructors, youth and

adults across the state may use the information to help improve their basic job skills by selecting specific modules that focus on areas in which they want to enhance their knowledge and skills or take an entire course.